Statement

Statement showing the demands received from the State Govts./UTs. for Allocation of rice and wheat for the month of March, 1992. (000 tonnes)

S. No.	States/UTs	Demand for March, 1992	
		Rice	Wheat
1.	Andhra Pradesh	50.0	30.0
2.	Goa	6.0	4.0
3.	Haryana	4.0	60.0
4.	Karnataka	75.0	50.0
5.	Kerala	236.0	150
6.	Madhya Pradesh	120.0	180.0
7.	Maharashtra	75.0	150.0
8.	Mizoram	7.5	1.5
9.	Nagaland	18.0	12.0
10.	Orissa	30.0	35.0
11.	Punjab	..	25.0
12.	Rajasthan	5.0	200.0
13.	Sikkim	50	0.7
14.	Tamil Nadu	100.0	30.0
15.	Tripura	16.85	2.50
16.	Uttar Pradesh	141.0	185.0
17.	West Bengal	150.0	130.0
18.	Daman & Diu	0.6	0.3
19.	Pondicherry	3.0	1.0

Production and stocks of sugar in the country

1441. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of sugar production, consumption and stocks in the country at present ;

(b) the quantum of levy sugar allocation of State Governments at present;

(c) the quantum of free sale sugar released for sale in the open market during the current year till date; and

(d) the total quantity of sugar exported during the last one year and till date and the countries to which it was exported

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) Sugar production, internal consumption and stocks in the country as on 7-2-1992 in the current 1991-92 season is given below :—

		Quantity in lakh tonnes (Provisional)
1.	Production	60.45
2.	Internal Consumption	39.05
3.	Stocks	51.86

(b) A quantity of 3.33 lakh tonnes is released as monthly levy sugar quota to State Governments/Union Territories for distribution to consumers through the Public Distribution System. In addition, Government has allowed 5%ad-hoc increase in the monthly levy quota for the period August, 1991 to March,

(c) During the current 1991-92 season, a quantity of 36.30 lakh tonnes has been released tgs free-sale for sale in the open market upto March, 1992.

(d) A quantity of 2.07 lakh tonnes and 28.8 lakh tonnes was exported to various countries during 1990-91 season (October- September) and 1991-92 season upto 26-2-1992, respectively, as per details given below :—

Countries to which exported	Quantity of Sagar exported during	
	1990-91 Season	1991-92 Season (upto 26-2-1992)
	(Lakh tonnes-Provisional)	
U.S.A.	0.15	••
EEC	. 010	
Turkey . .	. 0.13	
Indonesia	. 0.74	0.22
Egypt .	. 0.13	019
Jordan .	. ..	1.03
Libya . .	. ..	0.41
Yeman .	. ..	0.37
Srilanka .	. 0.65	0.61
Nepal	. 017	005
Tow	. 2.07	2.88

Rise in prices of foodgrains

1442. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Food Prices have shot up by 4 per cent to 55 per cent in the past one year causing sharp ero sion in the purchasing power of a large section of the population as per the news item entitled; 'Food Prices up purcha sing power on erosion which appeared in the 17th February, 1992; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and corrective steps Governmentpro-pose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOl) : (a) The index numbers of wholesale prices of foodgrains as on 15-2-92 indicate an increase of 24.6% over that a year ago. The per-centage variation in indices of cereals and pulses in the current year compared with that in the 1st year are given as under :—

Item	15-2-92 16-2-91	16-2-91 17-2-90
Foodgrains	+ 24P6	+ 24.6
Cereals	+ 28P4	+ 25.6
Rice	+ 30.1	+ 15.2
Wheat	+ 17h3	+46.8
Pulses	+ 5.5	+ 20.0

(b) The main reasons for rise in prices of foodgrains are decline in the production of kharif cereals, increase in the minimum support prices/procurement prices resulting in increase in Central issue prices, general inflationary trend in the economy etc. In order to release pressure on prices, the Government increased monthly allocations of wheat and rice to States/ Union Territories for distribution through public distribution system and released additional quantities of wheat for open sale and have decided to import I million tonnes of wheat from abroad.